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Al Klein  
Western Regional Director  
US Office of Surface Mining  
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320  
Denver, CO 80202

Subject: Decision Document and Application Approval, Alton Coal Development, LLC  
Coal Hollow Project, C/025/005, Task ID #3371, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Klein:

The Division has approved Alton Coal Development, LLC's (ACD) application for the Coal Hollow Mine with conditions. Please see the enclosed Decision Document and proposed permit.

The proposed Coal Hollow Mine is a surface operation located near Alton, Utah and involves private lands and coal. No Federal coal will be mined and this permit will affect no Federal lands. The Office of Surface Mining determined on August 13, 2007 that the application does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR Part 746. Therefore it does not constitute a mining action requiring Secretarial approval.

The Division plans to issue a final permit as soon as ACD posts the reclamation bond along with the reclamation agreement. They have requested the proper forms and are in the process of acquiring the bond.

A copy of the approved Operation and Reclamation Plan will be forwarded to you for your records. If you have any questions, please call Dana Dean, Associate Director - Mining, at (801) 538-5320.

Sincerely,

John R. Baza  
Director

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Enclosures

cc: Jim Fulton, OSM

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